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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **SURFACE-MODIFIED CA(CO₃) AND POLYMERS CONTAINING SAME**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled application, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby appoint **ALVIN ISAACS** (Reg. No. 19630), my attorney, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive Letters Patent, and to transact all business in the Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith.

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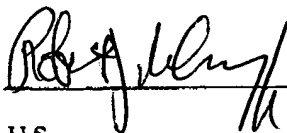
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